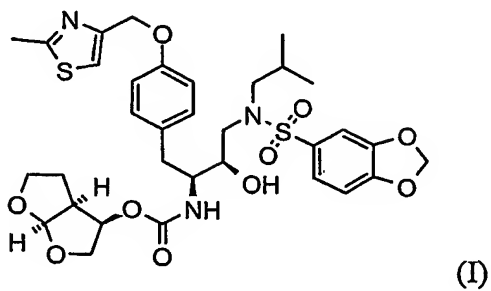


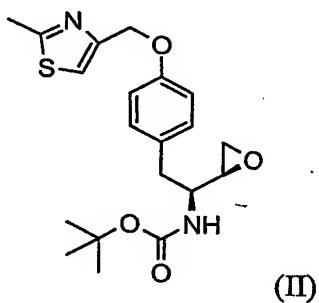
Claims

1. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)

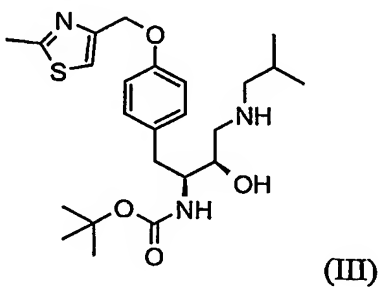


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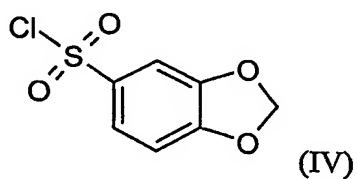
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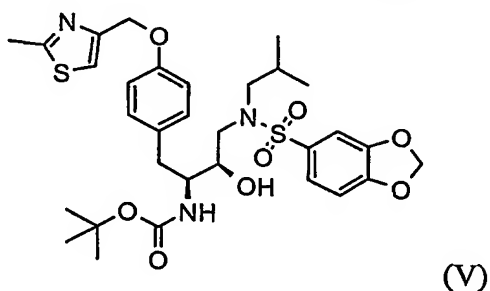
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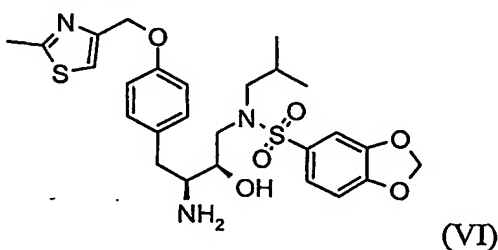
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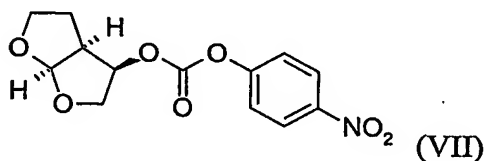
in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)



(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) to form a compound of formula (VI)



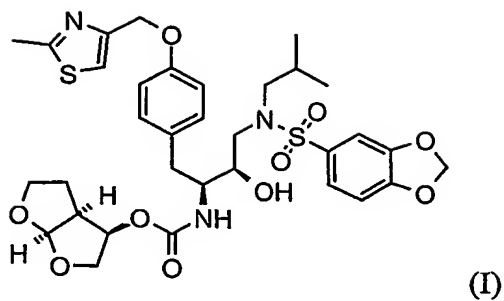
(d) coupling a compound of formula (VI) with a compound of formula (VII)



to yield a compound of formula (I).

2. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) comprising steps (a), (b), (c) and (d) according to claim 1 wherein steps (a) and (b) are combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (V) which is isolated and in which steps (c) and (d) are combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (I).

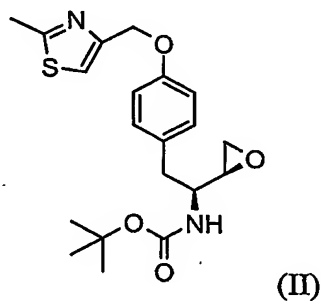
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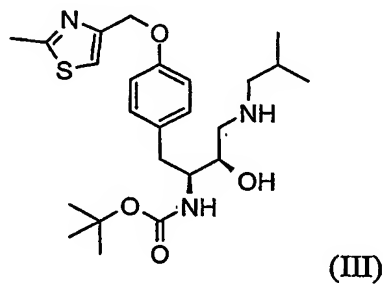
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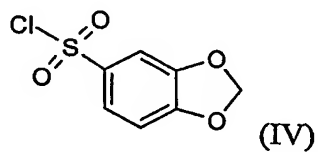
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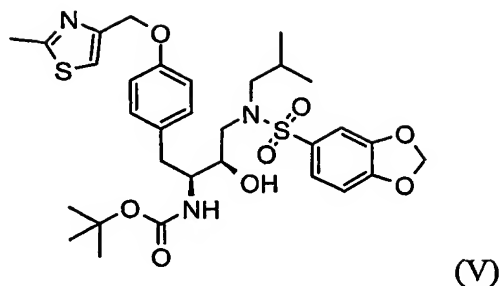
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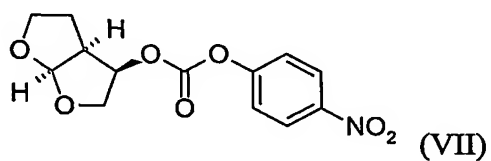
(IV)

in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)

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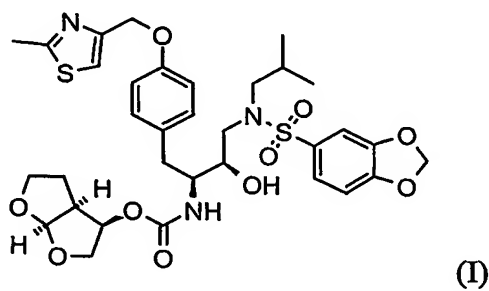


(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) and coupling with a compound of formula (VII)



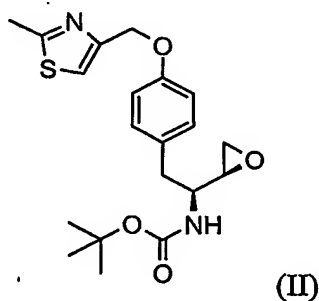
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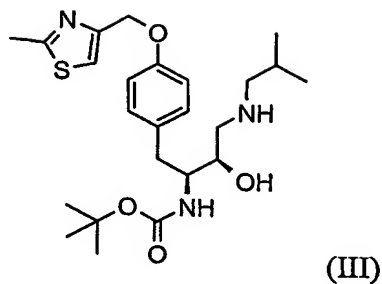
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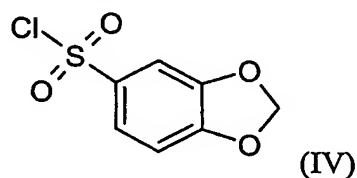


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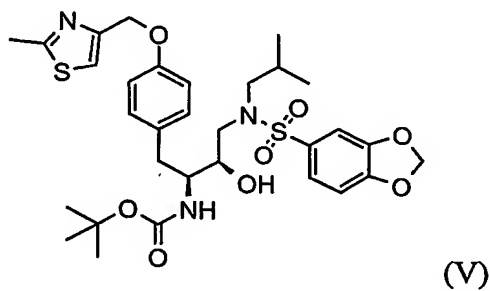


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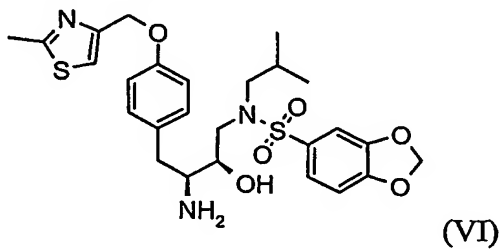


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in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)

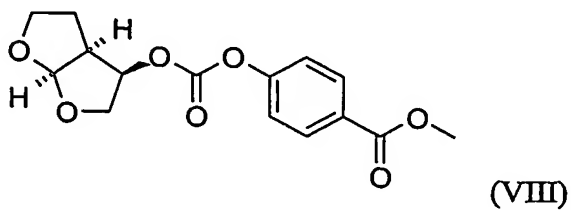


(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) to form a compound of formula (VI)



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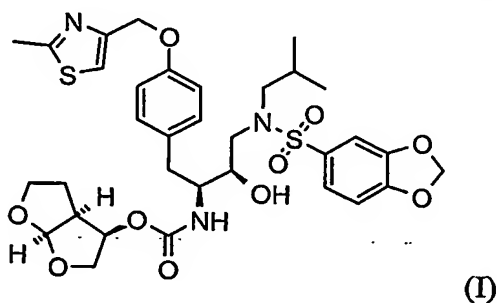
(d) coupling a compound of formula (VI) with a compound of formula (VIII)



to yield a compound of formula (I).

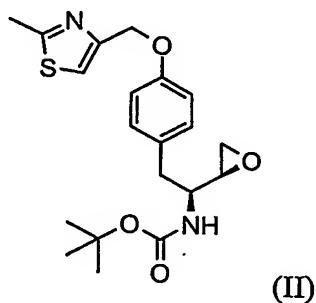
5. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) comprising steps (a), (b), (c) and (d) according to claim 4 wherein steps (a) and (b) are combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (V) which is isolated and in which steps (c) and (d) are combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (I).

6. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)

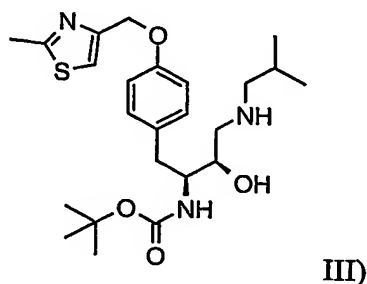


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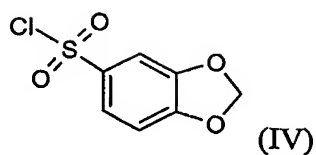
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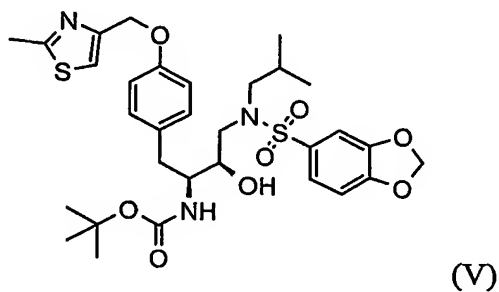
with excess isobutylamine in an alcohol-containing solvent to form a compound of formula (III)



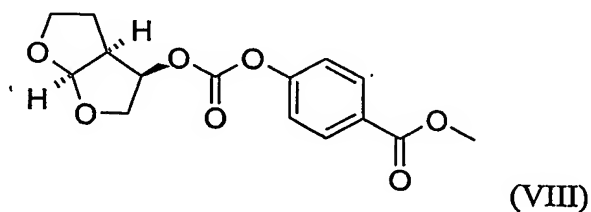
- (b) treating a compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula (IV)



in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)

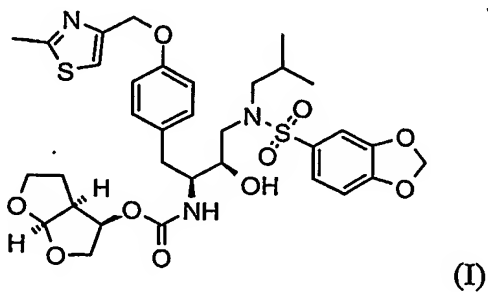


(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) and coupling with a compound of formula (VIII)



to form a compound of formula (I).

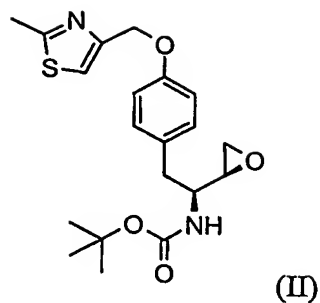
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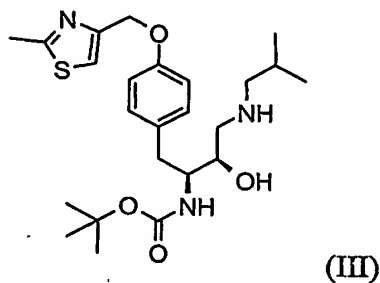
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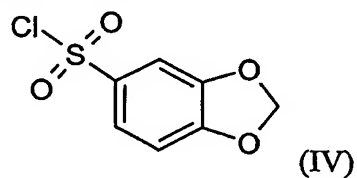
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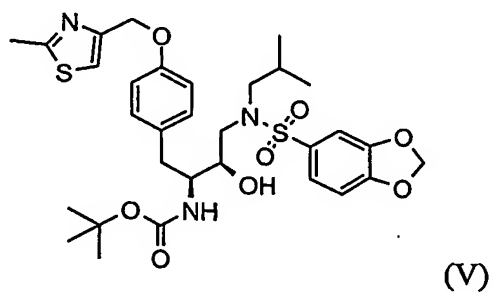
with excess isobutylamine in an alcohol-containing solvent to form a compound of formula (III)



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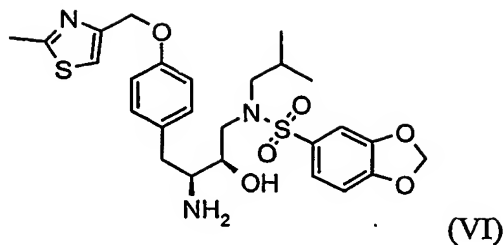
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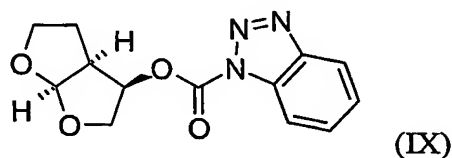
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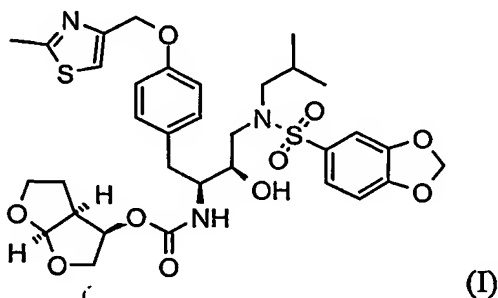
(e) coupling a compound of formula (VI) with a compound of formula (IX)



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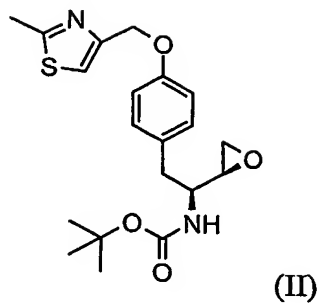
10. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) comprising steps (a), (b), (c) and (d) according to claim 8 wherein steps (a) and (b) are combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (V) which is isolated and in which steps (c) and (d) are combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (I).

11. A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)

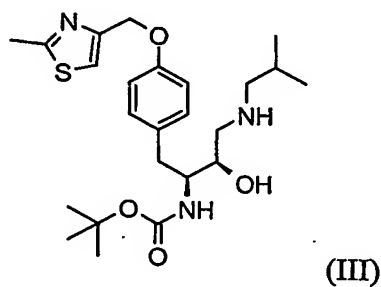


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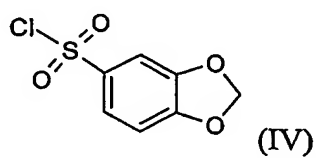
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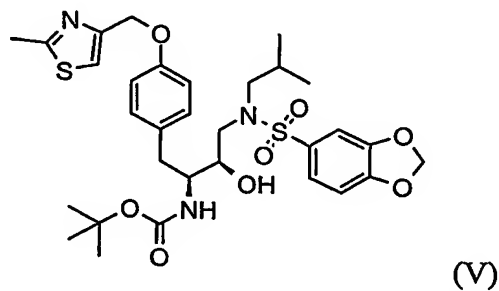


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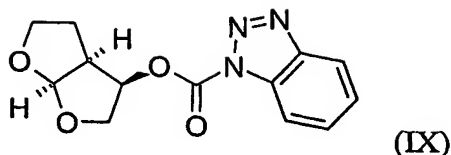


in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)

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(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) and coupling with a compound of formula (IX)



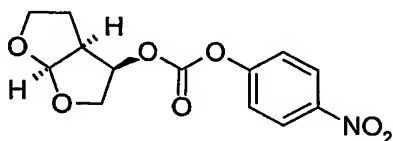
to form a compound of formula (I).

12. A process according to any of claims 1 - 11 wherein the alcohol-containing solvent is acetonitrile-methanol.

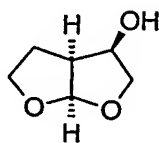
13. A process according to any of claims 1 - 11 wherein the aqueous base is sodium bicarbonate.

14. A process according to any of claims 1 - 11 wherein step (b) is performed in the presence of non-aqueous base.

15. A process for the preparation of (3*R*,3*aS*,6*aR*)-hexahydrofuro[2,3-*b*]furan-3-yl 4-nitrophenyl carbonate of the formula

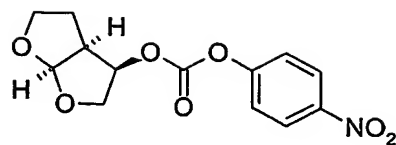


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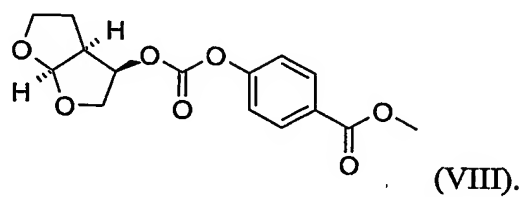
with 4-nitrophenyl chloroformate in a suitable solvent to form (3*R*,3*aS*,6*aR*)-hexahydrofuro[2,3-*b*]furan-3-yl 4-nitrophenyl carbonate.

16. (3*R*,3*aS*,6*aR*)-hexahydrofuro[2,3-*b*]furan-3-yl 4-nitrophenyl carbonate of the formula



made by the process according to claim 15.

- 5 17. A compound of formula (VIII)



18. A compound of formula (IX)

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